GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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FLOOD CONTROL
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have set up a flood control commission to control the flood in the country, particularly in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the commission has submitted any report to the Government recently; and

(d) if so, the recommendations made by the commission alongwith the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a)&(b) Ganga Flood Control Commission (GFCC) wasset up in the year 1972 for dealing with the flood problem of river Ganga and its tributaries passing through the states of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh Rajasthan, Haryana,Himachal Pradesh and Delhi. The functions of the GFCC inter-aliaincluded preparation of comprehensive plans and examination of the schemes prepared by states to tackle the problems of flood, erosion and drainage in the Ganga Basin.

(c) &(d) No report has recently been submitted by GFCC.However, the GFCC prepared comprehensive plans for flood management for all the river systems for the Ganga basin by the end of the year 1990 and circulated them to all concerned states for taking up follow up actions on the recommendations made in these plans. Both long term and short term measures have been suggested for tackling the flood problems in these river systems. These mainly included measures like flood moderation reservoirs, construction of embankments along the banks of rivers in the spilling reaches, improvement of drainage system, anti-erosion works for protection of important towns, villages and other vital installations and communication lines against erosion, watershed management and non-structural measures like flood proofing, flood plain zoning and flood forecasting etc. The detailed investigation and framing of the individual schemes and its execution based on the recommendation made in these plans are the responsibility of the concerned State Government. The State Governments are taking action/implementing the schemes as pertheir priority and availability of funds for the purpose.